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Philippines Poultry Situation

On November 6, the Philippine Department of Agriculture authorized the importation of an additional 2,000 MT of chicken leg quarters (CLQ) and/ or whole chicken to augment the anticipated shortfall in supply this holiday season. Similar to the 3,000 MT announced last month, it is expected that this additional chicken importation will be over and above the Minimum Access Volumes and be exempt from special agricultural safeguards. It will only be subject to the regular tariff rate of 40 percent. However, the shipment must arrive in the country not later than December 31, 2006 to be exempt from SSG duty. The importation will be limited to members and representatives of the United Broiler Raisers Association and the Northern Mindanao Poultry Industry Association.

In June 2004 a perceived tightness in supply and rising retail prices led to a special importation to allow up to 10,000 MT of chicken over and above the MAV of 22,968 MT for 2004. Importers were allowed to bring in 5,000 MT from June to August and were scheduled to bring in an additional 5,000 MT from September until the end of the year. In October 2004 the SSG was re-imposed because the supply of chicken and chicken products have stabilized and the trigger price of imported chicken under the HS code 0207.1942 was breached.

Philippines Broiler Meat Imports, in metric tons

	2004	2005
U.S.	12,907	7,950
Canada	4,871	9,225
Australia	1,205	4,426
Brazil	1,753	4,376
Others	970	1,425
Grand Total	21.706	27.402

Despite an increase in total poultry imports recorded in 2005, Minimum Access Volume (MAV) usage for fresh, chilled and frozen poultry meat declined from 92% in 2004 to 72% in 2005. Increasing imports of CLQ and poultry MDM that were further processed and re-exported to other Asian markets may have contributed to the increase in out-of-quota imports. As of July 2006 MAV was expected to be fully utilized due to the minimal growth in chicken production projected for this year. Despite the uniform in and out-of quota duty of 40% for most poultry products, the Philippines maintains a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for poultry. The 2006 TRQ is 23,490 MT, unchanged from last year.



Poultry accounted for 14.32 percent of the total agricultural production in the latest Performance of Philippine Agriculture survey covering January-September 2006. Although chicken egg production rose 3.64 percent over the first three quarters of 2006, all other poultry components posted output reductions. Total chicken production in 2005 was 1,215,670 MT live weight. Broiler inventory for January 1 2006 was projected at 35,955,780 birds. The three major producing regions are Central Luzon (11,936,866), Southern Tagalog (10,218,218) and Calabarzon (10,134,922).

Volume of Production, in thousand metric tons

	January	January – September			h Rates
	2004	2005	2006	04-05	05-06
Chicken	821.36	825.68	819.33	.53	77
Duck	37.63	36.03	33.03	-4.25	-8.33
Chicken Eggs	216.51	233.82	242.33	8.00	3.64
Duck Eggs	42.46	40.49	37.87	-4.64	-6.47

The low supply of broilers from commercial farms this year was due to the adverse effects of typhoon Caloy in May and the threat of Avian Influenza. The Philippines location in the northwestern Pacific makes it vulnerable to typhoons, which often hit the Philippines before they continue to China, Japan and Taiwan. In late September typhoon Milenyo wreaked havoc in Southern Luzon, followed by super-typhoons Paeng in October, Queenie in November, and Reming in December. Reming was the third super-typhoon in 2006 and the fourth major typhoon since September. This was the first time three super-typhoons occurred in one year in Philippine history.

Source: Philippines Bureau of Agricultural Statistics; U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics; USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service; news wires

Bulgaria's Import Regulations

Bulgaria will join the EU on January 1, 2007. Due to harmonization of its legislation with the EU, Bulgaria has changed a number of regulations regarding meat, poultry and seafood imports from third countries. Effective January 1, 2007, export certification can no longer be issued for poultry and poultry products. Only EU-eligible poultry from EU approved establishments is eligible for export to Bulgaria at that time. Currently there are no U.S. poultry plants approved to export to the European Union.

U.S. Poultry Meat Exports to Bulgaria in metric tons 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006* **HSCode** 2.807 3,644 1,813 7,573 2,779 *January-September

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics; USDA FSIS Library of Export Requirements; USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

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INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending N	ovember 25, 2	Year-To	o-Date	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	250	361	11,081	16,528
Frozen	0	0	172	59
Dried	37	0	737	807
Total	287	361	11,990	17,394

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending No	ovember 25, 2	Year-To	-Date	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	397	42	4,998	6,277
Frozen	3	82	906	668
Dried	0	0	66	371
Total	400	124	5,970	7,316

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending No	vember 25, 2	Year-To	o-Date				
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005			
Jumbo	0	0	150	174			
Extra Large	2,130	280	83,301	189,594			
Large	3,155	2,070	160,875	330,085			
Medium	599	1,525	80,990	108,388			
Ungraded	10,900	3,750	229,398	225,124			
Misc	0	0	6,975	9,753			
Total	16,784	7,625	561,689	863,118			
1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.							

^{1/} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding 2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

W/E 25-Nov-06 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
	Th	ousands	
Head	560	921	1,481
Last Week	1,151	1,715	2,866
Same week yr ago	819	940	1,759
To-date/2006	50,451	69,818	120,269
To-date/2005	67,081	66,376	133,457

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Th	ousands	
185	4	189
115	3	118
118	0	118
7,053	50	7,103
11,841	60	11,901
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Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Hens	Hens	Hens			
	Th	ousands				
Head	745	925	1,670			
Last Week	1,266	1,718	2,984			
Same week yr ago	937	940	1,877			
To-date/2006	57,504	69,868	127,372			
To-date/2005	78,922	66,436	145,358			
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch						

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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	P	RICES	VOLI	JME		PI	RICES	VOL	.UME
FAT					FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	13.00-17.00	843,200	320,000	RANGE	-	16.00-16.50	322,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.12	16.00			WTD AVERAGE		16.25		
15-20%					15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-19.50	12.00-16.00	1,323,600	680,000	RANGE 12	2.00-21.00	13.00-17.25	2,158,000	1,448,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.91	13.84			WTD AVERAGE	15.95	14.64		
15-20%					20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-	RANGE	-	13.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE					WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

^{*} INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch.

^{*} INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady. Demand moderate to good on tom drums, best for exports. Demand on the balance of tom bulk parts was light to moderate. Offerings of tom bulk parts mostly short to adequate. The market tone on fresh tom breast meat showed improvement for prompt shipments. Demand moderate to instances good. Offerings mixed. Some processors were down or running reduced schedules in response to the first major winter storm of the season in the Midwest. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on tom drums for export, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen 2-10 lb. -85% lean ground turkey 83, fresh scapula 78-81, fresh breast trim 82, fresh wing meat with skin 76-88 mostly 76, Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 8-10 lb. 130, 10-12 lb. 170, 12-14 lb. 185-190, 14-16 lb. 190, 16-18 lb. 195 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 38, fresh thigh meat 97 cents delivered.

EXPORT TRADING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2006 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	PRICE RANGE 38.00-40.00 32.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE 38.33 32.00	VOLUME (000) 480 40	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE 37.85 31.00	WEEKLY VOLUME (000) 1868 240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	96.00	40	93.54	156
EXPORT TRADING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 36.00-40.00 31.00 16.00 96.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE 37.62 31.00 16.00 96.00	VOLUME (000) 940 80 40 40		
EXPORT TRADING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2006 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 37.00-39.00 31.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE 37.80 31.00	VOLUME (000) 448 80		
EXPORT TRADING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 30.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ W	WTD AVG PRICE 45.00 30.00	VOLUME (000) 40 40		
EXPORT TRADING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ W	WTD AVG PRICE 45.00	VOLUME (000) 40		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.